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T-34/85's ([REDACTED]) were seen in the yard. The AT battalion has nine 76.2 mm guns (PAK 42).

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d. Driving lessons were taken on sidecar motorcycles, an armored car, [REDACTED]

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e. The Division's recruit battalion is quartered in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. There are about 800 men, 18-19 years old, variously wearing red straps and black straps/red piping. [REDACTED]

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f. The ammunition dump is located on the east bank of the Saale at a bend in the river, due west of some allotment gardens and south of the sports field.

3. ZWISCHAU (K34), 16 - 17 January 1950

Aside from a Kommandatura, the city is not occupied. The Infanterie Kaserne is used by Wisnuth AG as a barracks for miners from the AUE area.

4. WEISSHOFEN (J99), 18 - 20 January 1950

a. Infanterie Kaserne holds about 1,400 men. Having witnessed reveille, source believes that of this total some 1,200 are older EM and NCO's (all with red straps) and 200 are recruits. At least 100 young lieutenants were seen at this muster.

b. Composition appears to be: one motorized rifle battalion of about 1,000 men; one AT battalion equipped with 57 mm AT guns (41), of which five were observed by source; one recruit battalion of about 200; and probably one instruction unit for young officers of motorized rifle units.

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c. The young officers, said to have arrived about a month ago, were seen on all observation dates in groups of 25, being briefed on area descriptions and field duties. These lessons were supervised by a major using passenger car [REDACTED] Older EM trained with AT and MG and some practiced advancing in extended order. Recruits, separated from other troops, were given basic infantry and close combat training.

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d. About eighty Studebaker trucks were under temporary sheds; these were [REDACTED] Single parked vehicles were [REDACTED] Instruction vehicles were [REDACTED]

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e. Pionier Kaserne contains about 800 men as against its estimated capacity of 1,000. These men all wear black straps/red piping and armored insignia; some NCO's and officers have Guards badges and combat decorations. Garages seem capable of holding sixty tanks, but these were closed and only two T-34/85's were seen. Two envelopes found lying inside the barracks wall were stamped [REDACTED]

f. Parked vehicles were [REDACTED] Eight newly painted trucks entering the compound were not licensed.

5. APOLDA (J67), 24 - 25 January 1950

a. A school on the Bismarckstrasse is held by 600 men wearing black shoulder straps. This is the same engineer unit which occupied the amphibious training area at BAD KOLSTEN during summer 1949.

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b. A radio station, located south of the city and due east of the Jenaerstrasse, is guarded by 60-80 signal troops. Approximately thirty masts, each 10-12 meters high, are scattered over an area 300 meters wide and 200 meters long. It is believed that this station belongs to the army headquarters in WEIMAR. Trucks

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carried troops to the station from the to arrived from WEIMAR.

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Comment: Last identified, April 1949, as 120 Gd Mtz R Regt, 39 Guards Rifle Division, RUDOLSTADT/SAALFELD.

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Comment: Typical for the armored regiment of a motorized rifle division was the appearance here of four reconnaissance cars.

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Comment: Last identified (date unknown) as 93 Ron Bn of 57 Guards Rifle Division, WEISS-WEFELS.

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